

Protect and Defend

To protect and defend the public interests of all Arkansans – this is my principal duty as Attorney General of the State. My staff and I are dedicated to representing our citizens and safeguarding their rights. From prosecuting con artists who prey on the public trust to making sure criminals are duly punished to serving as the State's attorney, we tackle problems as diverse as fighting for fair utility rates to preserving our environment. We will continue our commitment to meeting the needs of Arkansas families.



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The Office of the Attorney General is committed to protecting the rights of Arkansans.

Whether providing crime victims with financial assistance, educating our State's youth about safety issues, or representing Arkansas in a court of law, Mike Beebe and the entire staff of the Attorney General's Office are dedicated to defending the interests of our State.

Safeguarding Arkansas Consumers

The Attorney General's **Public Protection Department** is responsible for safeguarding the rights of Arkansas consumers and ratepayers as well as helping preserve our State's natural resources. The Department is divided into four divisions:



- **The Consumer Protection Division** investigates violations of Arkansas law and aggressively prosecutes abusers on behalf of Arkansas citizens.
- **The Utilities Division** represents the interests of Arkansas ratepayers during policy decisions and rate-making proceedings.
- **The Antitrust Division** investigates and prosecutes alleged violations of State and federal antitrust laws to ensure that companies are not limiting competition in ways that can hurt consumers.
- **The Environmental Division** promotes the health and safety of Arkansans by protecting the environment and providing support to State agencies with environmental missions.

Arkansas' Legal Representative

The Attorney General and his staff also provide legal representation and advice for the State through two departments.

The **Opinions Department** assists Attorney General Beebe when a legal opinion is requested on questions of law concerning constitutional and other legal issues. This Department also reviews and certifies all ballot initiatives.

The **Civil Department** is made up of two divisions:

- **The State Agencies Division** serves as the legal representation to the State's boards, commissions, agencies, and various officials.
- **The Litigation Division** handles a wide variety of lawsuits, many of which include challenges to the constitutionality of State statutes.



Protecting Arkansas' Citizens

One of the most important roles played by the Attorney General's Office is that of fighting for justice, with the **Criminal Department** serving that function.

- Attorneys in the **Criminal Appeals Division** see that valid convictions are upheld and that defendants are required to serve their sentences.
- The attorneys of the **Habeas Corpus Litigation Division** defend the constitutionality of valid judgments of conviction.



Fighting Healthcare Fraud

The **Medicaid Department** fights health-care-provider fraud in the Medicaid system by closely monitoring the industry. It also works to prevent patient abuse and neglect.

Committed to Public Service

The Community Relations Division administers several public-assistance programs.

- **The Crime Victims Reparations Program** serves victims of crime by providing financial assistance to eligible individuals or their dependents.
- **The Prevention-and-Education Section** offers programs, such as "Smart Choices, Better Chances" and "Keys to Safety," which are designed to provide information and assistance to children, parents, community groups, and law-enforcement agencies.
- **The Arkansas Missing Children Services Program** serves as the statewide clearinghouse for missing and exploited children.



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